

Scituate Fire Suppression and EMS Advisory Committee

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Pledge of Allegiance

The May 10, 2016 meeting of the Scituate Fire Suppression and Ems Advisory Board was called to order by president Ted Richard at 7:07 p.m.

Ted Richard, William Jasparro and special guest speaker William Kramer were present. Richard Kanaczet was not present.

President Richard presented a brief history of the Scituate Fire Suppression and EMS Advisory Committee discussing how the committee was created and the scope or mission given to the committee by the Scituate Town Council.

President Richard discussed the agenda of the December 9, 2015 meeting stating that the committee was tasked with looking into updating all of the fire suppression and EMS organization equipment, inventory, apparatus, develop a five-year capital purchasing plan, discuss grant funding working in conjunction with the EMA director. Consider engaging a consultant to the Town Council for a review of the current capacity and future needs of fire suppression, EMS coverage and capacity. President Richard then explained how the committee was sidetracked with some issues that needed to be handled such as the run cards, a building compliance issue, a hose issue, a new engine for Chopmist Hill and two new rescues that needed to be purchased.

With that said, the first agenda item tonight was to discuss the review of the Scituate Fire and EMS system as requested by the Scituate Town Council. Present tonight is Mr. Bill Kramer who is here to present what he and his company have been contracted to do, how the review process will be done and to answer any questions regarding the review. Bill Kramer who is a consultant for Nasa and is a retired fire chief from Cincinnati reviewed his credentials and

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discussed how the study or review process will take place and that he is a neutral third party perspective. Bill discussed his study recently done in the Town of Smithfield and that the Scituate study will mimic the study done in Smithfield. He will look at apparatus types and age, replacement schedules, redundancies, ISO rating, NFPA standards, as well as past present and future trends. He offered a question and answer session as well as a copy of his resume and that he is available anytime. RFP is now a valid contract with the Town of Scituate and will likely take up to four months to complete the study. A joint public hearing will be offered by the Scituate Town Council to all Scituate residents at a future date and time.

Agenda item 2 regarding the specifications of a new engine for Hope Jackson was then discussed. Hope Jackson chief Robinson presented a copy of the specs to President Richard. Looking to purchase a standard engine, 1000 gallons of water, lower hose bed. President Richard then asked if the Town were to find a truck that met 99% of the specifications would Hope Jackson be interested. He further discussed that they have seen engines in the \$ 350,000 - \$ 400,000 price range rather than the proposed \$ 500,000 engines where the Town could potentially purchase three engines and save \$ 100,000 per engine you could get the fourth truck free. Chief Robinson then countered that the Town has previously gone with Spartan and the advantages to Town Highway with working on similar equipment. Chief Robinson also discussed that they would like to work with whatever vendor gets the bid for a reserve engine while the new engine is being built. This is similar to what was done with the new truck at Chopmist Hill. A lengthy discussion took place on the need for the Town to have available a quality reserve engine and rescue.

Agenda item 3 regarding a policy for the disposal of excess apparatus and fire/ems equipment was brought up. The Town purchases all of the apparatus most of the fire/ems equipment and there needs to be a policy in place on how to properly dispose of these items.

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President Richard stated that we want to clarify how each department handles this by law and to provide a checks and balances system to be better informed, a Town policy for all departments, police, fire, ems, town highway. The goal is to have a policy in writing that everyone can abide by. Chief Robinson stated that he would bring this item back to the Scituate Fire Engineering Board.

President Richard asked if there was any old or new business:

A discussion took place regarding Ladder 22 which is currently out of service. A presentation will be made at the next Town Council meeting which should result in some answers as to how the Town will move forward regarding repairs or replacement.

Another discussion was brought up regarding the PymoVent system at the North Scituate fire station.

A motion to adjourn was seconded and passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Blaine, Jr.